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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the final Office Action dated March 24, 2003, concerning the above-referenced patent application. Since this paper is filed within the three (3) month shortened statutory period, Applicants consider this Amendment timely filed. Nevertheless, should additional fees be necessary in connection with the filing of this paper, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0741 for any such fees.

Please amend the application as follows below. The amendments comply with the revised amendment format permitted by the Notice from the Office of Patent Legal Administration of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office dated February 10, 2003. Thus, the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(a), (b), (c) and (d) are waived for amendments made to the claims, specification and drawings of this application.

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